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BINDING PROTEIN INTERACTIONS AND mRNA
FUNCTIONALITY

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for filing the Appeal Brief pursuant to the Notice of Appeal that was filed in connection with the above-captioned application on March 10, 2004 be extended for five (5) months, to and including October 12, 2004 (October 10, 2004 being a Sunday and October 11, 2004 being a Federal holiday).

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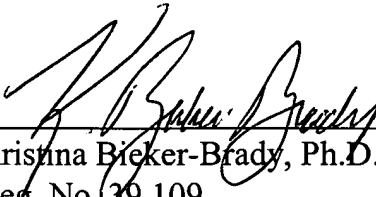
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